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4 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

5 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

6 DEPARTMENT 324 HON. VICTORIA G. CHANEY, JUDGE

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9 JOHN DOE I, et al., )

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10 Plaintiff(s), )

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11 vs. ) Case No. BC237980

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12 UNOCAL CORP., et al., )

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13 Defendant(s). )

14 AND RELATED ACTION. )

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16 REPORTER'S TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

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18 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2003

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1                   THE COURT: Okay, folks, I have been thinking about  
2                   this. No advisory jury, you're going on with me. Mainly  
3                   because if we are really dealing with all those exhibits and  
4                   all those witnesses, and I'm trying to cram it into a short  
5                   amount of time, we won't get there from here, at least not  
6                   reasonably without putting it off far enough in advance.

7                   I have granted continuances, many continuances  
8                   at the request of defendants, I am loath to do it again;  
9                   however, we will start on the 9th, rather than on the 3rd,  
10                   but between -- during that period of time I'm going to plan  
11                   on -- with the exception of the morning on the 4th, I'm  
12                   going to plan on meeting with you folks to do motions in  
13                   limine or any other things.

14                   I want to use the time. The reality is, folks,  
15                   we have to do it anyway, so we might as well use the time.

16                   I have set it aside, this court's schedule  
17                   is planned all around that. I know Mr. Stormer has a trial  
18                   that comes up in January that I need to work around.

19                   I think; right? Don't you?

20                   MR. STORMER: Actually, since I got whopped pretty  
21                   badly, I don't have to do it in January.

22                   THE COURT: Oh. Well, I don't know whether to say  
23                   I'm glad or I'm sorry, Mr. Stormer.

24                   MR. PETROCELLI: And I have a trial on January 20  
25                   right across the hall, but only for four court days.

26                   THE COURT: Okay. But my hope is that we will get  
27                   if not everything done before the 16th of December, we'll  
28                   get a lot of it done before then. And then if we have to